

Year 5 Welcome Meeting

Friday 12th September 2025



Year 5 Staff

Class Teachers

Mrs Fakih

Miss Linnell

Mr Oakley

Support Staff

Mrs Farooq

Miss Hussain

Mrs Millard

Mrs Nawaz



Attendance & Punctuality

Curriculum - every lesson counts. One lesson leads to the next and missed lessons make it harder to learn and understand the full curriculum.

Appointments - (other than hospital consultant/ clinic appointments) must be made outside of school hours.

Breakfast & bedtimes - including no devices in bedrooms.

Mathshed - if invited, it will be to support maths learning. Please arrive on time.

Attend on time every day!

Children cannot be collected early for parents/family members appointments.



Lunches

School lunches must be ordered in advance - any issues take up with AiP (contact details displayed near office).

Children will be encouraged to eat the food on their plate.

Packed lunches - NO NUTS! including any chocolate spread. Balanced meal - get children involved making lunch so they are more likely to want to eat what is in their lunchbox.

If lunch is not ordered or brought to school, you will be contacted and asked to arrange for a lunch to be brought into school. The child will not be given a school lunch as the meals are ordered in advance.

Water bottles with water, not squash or juice etc.



Birthday treats

Birthday treats - not necessary!

From an email sent to parents in January 2024:

If you wish to send something in for your child's birthday, please adhere to the following:

- *Send in one small chocolate/sweet per child (no more)*
- *No cakes/drinks/toys etc*
- *Everything has to be NUT FREE*
- *A large number of children in the school cannot eat gelatine*

Anything beyond this will not be accepted, not given out and will be returned to you.



Uniform

School uniform - jumpers/ branded items available from PMG Schoolwear (Eden Centre).

PLEASE NAME SCHOOL CLOTHES!

Shirts to be tucked in and shoe laces tied.

PE Kit - updated expectations, advance notice from Summer Term.

Coats, even if you travel by car.



PE and Games

Mondays and Fridays

Class teachers will be teaching gymnastics, dance, yoga, fitness, OOA and rounders.

Sports coach will be teaching football, tag rugby, netball, tennis, athletics and golf.

Sports Clubs - keep an eye out for emails from school.

Correct PE kits are essential and can be purchased from Asda/ Primark etc. but MUST be plain.



PE Kits

Our PE kit is a plain kit consisting of:

- **Plain** royal blue shorts or navy-blue tracksuit bottoms (plain navy-blue leggings may be worn if they are changed from leggings worn as part of the full school uniform);
- **Plain** royal blue crew neck t-shirt;
- **Plain** navy-blue tracksuit top, hoodie or sweatshirt;
- **Plain** white or black trainers.

Please note, the following will **not be acceptable**:

- Branded clothes (e.g. Nike/adidas), except trainers
- Football kits
- Clothes in other colours

Our PE kit does not need to have the school logo on (unless you want it to) and will be widely available from a range of local retailers. In line with DfE policy, we are actively pursuing uniform options at the lowest possible cost to our families.



Curriculum topics

This term we will be:

- Writing warning narratives
- Securing knowledge of place value
- Practising addition and subtraction methods with numbers up to 10,000
- Exploring properties and changes in materials in science
- Studying South American cities

Our priorities will be:

- Multiplication and division facts - keep up with TTRS.
- Saying and writing sentences and include correct punctuation.

Keep an eye on website, instagram and Facebook where photos will be updated regularly



Trips and experience

- Potions Day - 5th December 2025
- Tower of London 13th February 2026
- Cotswold Wildlife Park 1st May 2026
- Wycombe Abbey DT Day - June 2026
- Residential* - 25th - 26th June 2026



Permission and payment on ParentPay

No more than £30 (less than £1 a week)

Trips/ experiences will be cancelled if insufficient funds are received.

THIS HAPPENED AT LEAST TWICE LAST YEAR!!!

Residential Visits

Longridge, Marlow

Thursday 25th June - Friday 26th June 2025

Opportunity for children to develop independence, experience and learn new skills outside of the classroom and home. Build confidence, resilience and life skills.

Further Meeting on Friday 19th September 3:30pm



Annual Challenge



	Early Years	Lower Phase			Upper Phase		
	Reception	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Physical (These will be tested in school)	Hula hoop 30 secs	Skip 10 times in 1 minute	Bounce and catch a ball 10 times in 1 minute	Dribble a ball over 10m coned course	Run 1 lap of field without stopping	Do 5 x keepie-uppies	Hold the plank position for 45 secs
	Hop scotch	Throw and catch a ball/beanbag to yourself 20 x in a minute	Touch your toes without bending knees	Do 30 Star jumps in a minute	Do 20 burpees in a minute	Do 20 squats in a minute	Swim 25m (any stroke) Bleep test level 6
Community Service	Donate to charity (e.g. put 20p in a charity can)	Donate a tin of food to the One Can Trust (Asda drop box)	Join a community service event (e.g. fundraiser, woodland clear up)	Raise money for charity i.e. do a sponsored event	Take part in a litter pick	Do a kind deed for a neighbour	Be of service to the school (School Council, Prefect, Play leader...)
Visits (nature)	Go on a teddy bear's picnic in a field/park Go to the woods	Climb a hill	Go and find a woodland flower display – snowdrop walk	Go on a waterside walk (not at the Rye)	Visit a nature reserve	Visit a Country Park	Climb the highest hill in an area
Visits (local tourist attractions landmarks)	Go on a bear hunt (from 101 things)	Rye Park river walk (above the river)	Wycombe Museum	Hellfire caves	Pick your own fruit (e.g. Copas Farm)	Dashwood Mausoleum	Bucks Railway Centre, Aylesbury or Steam train at Chinnor
Baking/cooking at home (parent help needed)	Make a sandwich	Make a jelly or cold dessert/pudding	Bake some biscuits	Bake a cake	Bake bread	Cook a hot dessert	Cook a main course for dinner
Arts	Make a macaroni necklace	Make a sock puppet	Create a picture with bark or leaf rubbings	Learn and recite a poem	Draw a picture (any style)	Make a collage	Upcycle something



Annual Challenge

Grow a plant	Plant and grow herbs	Plant and grow flowers or fruit			Plant and grow vegetables		
Reading	Visit a local library for story time	Visit a local library and borrow books			Visit High Wycombe Library and borrow books		
Real life skills	Know when your birthday is	Know your full home address	Know your parents' mobile number	Put a washing load on (parent help needed)	Make a cup of tea/coffee/hot chocolate (parent help needed)	Be able to sew a button on (parent help needed)	Be able to iron a shirt or pair of trousers (parent help needed)
Getting involved	Attend a free event at the Eden centre (Emergency services day, Eco Elves, Green Eden etc)	Regularly take part in an out of school activity e.g. Scouts, Brownies etc, Sports club, Swimming lessons					

Beyond the basics... A different one must be completed each year.	<p>Visit an art gallery</p> <p>Visit the seaside</p> <p>Visit a museum (not in High Wycombe)</p> <p>Camp out in a tent or sleep away from home for a night (without your parents)</p> <p>Attend a sporting or music event</p> <p>Go on a train</p> <p>Watch a show/pantomime/musical in a theatre (not cinema)</p> <p>Go ice skating or roller skating</p> <p>Visit a building of architectural interest (e.g. Stately home or in a major city – the Shard)</p> <p>Visit a tourist attraction that is not in High Wycombe</p>
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Bronze Certificate = 6 from the top section & 1 from the bottom section (different one each year)

Silver Certificate = 8 from the top section & 1 from the bottom section (different one each year)

Gold Certificate = 10 from the top section & 1 from the bottom section (different one each year)





Drop off and pick up

Morning

Gates open at 8:35am and close at 8:50am

Staff on the gate to welcome pupils and parents

Afternoon

Gates open 3:20pm and close at 3:30pm

Come onto the playground and collect your child from staff from where they are lined up Don't stand on the gates and wave

Avoid using your phone while collecting your child - this encourages communication between teachers and parents and parents and children

Y5 & Y6 - permission to walk home must given on ParentPay and this is a privilege: it can be withdrawn if child's behaviour falls below the expected standard.

Homework

Maths, Spag and spelling posted online.

Teachers check on MathShed etc. who has logged on and completed work and keep a record.

Must be completed daily - journal must be signed by an adult.

Shows you are interested in what they are doing and that you value their schoolwork.

Reading and Maths scores are reported to the whole school on Fridays and classes that win the challenge win a prize.


Children are never too old to be read too!



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Weekend
Math Shed	TTRS	Math Shed	TTRS	Math Shed
Spelling Shed	Grammar Shed	Spelling Shed	Grammar Shed	Spelling Shed
Reading (20 mins)	Reading (20 mins)	Reading (20 mins)	Reading (20 mins)	Reading (20 mins)

Why read 20 minutes at home?

STUDENTS WHO READ:

 20 minutes

PER DAY

3,600 minutes per school year
1,800,000 words per year



STUDENTS WHO READ:


 5 minutes

PER DAY

900 minutes per school year
282,000 words per year



STUDENTS WHO READ:

 1 minute

PER DAY

180 minutes per school year
8,000 words per year



Castlefield School

Importance of Primary School

Success in primary school sets the foundation for future earnings!

- Achieving ARE in primary school English and maths tests can mean **£64,000 more earnings**.
- Higher KS2 results (achieving GD) = about a **13.8% earnings boost**.

Strong KS2 performance leads to better GCSEs → better qualifications → higher pay.

DfE KS2 attainment and lifetime earnings, July 2025



Use of devices/ Internet safety/ Media

The internet is brilliant! We use it all the time in school.

Please monitor your child's use of devices and internet.

Know how to apply parental controls and age restrictions for games and platforms (including streaming services eg Netflix).

Be alert to misuse of devices - talk to your child about what they are looking at and their internet use... 'Show me what you have been reading/ looking at/ watching...'

Think about where your child uses their device... do they have unsupervised use eg in their bedroom?

Have a cut off time where devices are put away an hour before bedtime.



Secondary School Transfer - Year 5

September 2026 - Practise and transfer tests

October 2026 - results emailed to parents/ carers

31st October 2026 - deadline for submitting school place applications

March 2027 - School place offers

There will be an 11+ briefing for parents in the summer term



Communication

Please inform the office:

- Change of address
- Change in email address
- Change in telephone numbers

Contact the office if you want to see a teacher, or catch on the playground. Appointments can be made if necessary.

Class teacher → Year leader → Phase Leader → DHT → HT



Finally...

Parent readers - let office know if you have an hour or so to spare each week to hear readers. Training is provided.

PTA - always happy to hear from parent volunteers

PTA@castlefield.bucks.sch.uk

Remember... we all share a common interest - your children. We work hard to provide the best primary education we can for them all and thank you in advance for your support.

